

2015/2016 MINISTRIES REPORT

ADVENTURER CLUB (Amapola Francisco): Our Adventurer Club currently has 41 Adventurers and 14 volunteer teachers. We welcomed 8 new families into our club this year. During the annual church picnic, we had a successful bake sale where we raised a little over \$350. The funds raised along with registration fees go toward supplies, uniforms, special events, and various sponsorships. On the last weekend of October we had the annual NCC Adventurer family fun weekend at Leoni Meadows, where 10 families from our church were able to attend. During Christmas, we had our annual Christmas caroling outreach at two assisted living centers. We collaborated with the Sac Central Youth Ensemble and it was truly a blessing! The staff told us that the residents and their families were talking about our visit even days after. Also, this year is the first time that we are holding quarterly parent meetings with our youth pastor, Pastor Butler, to discuss relevant topics that will assist parents in the spiritual growth of their children. As we continue on to the second half of our club year, we look forward to our annual club fun day at Central where we incorporate biblical lessons into presentations, crafts, games, and activities. We will also have the Adventurer Club Sabbath service, NCC Adventurer family fun day field trip, and possibly another field trip to Safetyville. Finally, we will wrap up the year with our annual Investiture ceremony in June.

BOOK MINISTRY (Buddy Harper): The Book Ministry had an outstanding year with over 6000 books given out through the Salvation Army and two Volunteer of America locations. In addition, over a 1000 Great Controversy's went out on door-to-door hangers and over 2000 books and magazines were given out through the Thrift Store. Great Controversy's were mailed out as well as other Ellen G. White books to the Philippines, and many more were shared with our surrounding community. For 2016 we look forward to meeting these numbers and more through God's blessings.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (Shirley Hope): The Children's Sabbath School focused primarily on improving our Sabbath School program for Cradle Roll, Pre-K and Kindergarten Sabbath School Classes. We did have a great Children's Concert in the fall. In 2016, we have already begun planning for VBS this summer and other outreach programs for the children to participate in.

COMMUNITY SERVICES (Buddy Harper): Looking back on 2015 Community Services was responsible for feeding the homeless each Wed. and Thurs. evening as well as giving Bible Studies. Over 2000 people attended those Bible Studies and as many were fed. Looking forward, Community Services will continue their same program.

DVD/CD MINISTRY (Charles Le): We share about 900-1100 DVDs and 352-450 CDs each month; mailings go out bi-weekly.

ELDERS (Ray Rengifo): This year a few elders stepped down and/or moved to another church. New elders should be appointed before spring. Elders have been assigned sections of our Church Directory to contact members to see how they are doing and provide spiritual support. Elders are also assigned to greet at the side doors as people exit, following the worship service. The Foyer Bulletin Board will soon display photos of all current elders and their spouses.

FOOD CLOSET (Andre Hope): The food closet, managed by Andre Hope, continues to be open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The food closet will continue to serve the community in giving out food to those in need.

GREETER'S MINISTRY (Rengifo's): Church Greeters play a very important role as they are the individuals that our visitors first meet. We have 60 greeters that share a yearly assignment to cover the entrance doors each Sabbath and for special events, occasions and seminars. All positions are filled for 2016. The yearly Greeters Meeting/Training will take place later in January.

HEALTH MINISTRY (Karen Medeiros): The Health Ministry started 2015 with a special speaker for our Healthy Plate Cooking class, Dr. Ted Hoehn from Kaiser, his topic 'The Protein Myth'. Our next class was presented by Linda Glines, R.N., 'Foods That Cause Inflammation and Disease'. We participated in the yearly Ministry Fair. Our booth theme was Making Healthy Choices. Before school started in the fall we had a Kids Healthy Plate Cooking Class. Our presenters were our very own church 'Kids' doing the demonstrations. We had two DVD presentations, "Fed Up" and "Fit or Fat." During the Revelation Seminar Health talk by Dr. Ruby, we prepared and presented fruit and vegetable smoothies. Our last Healthy Plate Cooking Class, Vegan Tamales, was presented by Amy Maldonado. The attendees were able to make their own Tamales to take home. This class will be repeated March 20, 2016.

MEDIA MINISTRY (Pastor Chris Buttery): Central has now been running its very own media ministry for 1 year and 3 months. It wouldn't be possible without the financial support of each of our members and the 40+ volunteers who share their time and expertise in putting together quality, Christ-centered television programming. We continue to air Central Study Hour (CSH) each week on 3ABN Proclaim (Fri. @ 8 PM & Sat. 6 AM). We were thrilled when Firstlight Broadcasting out of New Zealand picked up CSH this year. They also picked up our Receiving The Word (RTW) programs which air weekly. RTW was made available on Sac Faith TV twice a week. That has now been bumped up to

four spots per week. Both CSH and RTW are made available through our website (podcasts) and YouTube Channel. Together they receive around 2,500 hits per month. It is the ministry's plan to find more outlets to air these important programs on this year.

MEN'S MINISTRY (Ray Rengifo): Men's Ministry continues to meet in the Junior Room on the second Sabbath of each month following the worship service. Men of all ages are welcome. Regular attendance ranges from 20-25. A Men's Prayer Breakfast is currently being planned for March 2016.

PRAYER MINISTRY (Yolanda Price): Time is set aside to just speak with our Heavenly Father. A Prayer Journal is a great thing to have handy as a way to remember all the praises and requests that are to be lifted up. The acronym A.C.T.S (Admiration, Confess, Thanksgiving, and Supplication) is exercised. We now meet every Sabbath for a group prayer and a weekly devotional of Searching Hearts. All that is required is a quiet place where there will be no distractions for the time allotted, a prayer journal (could be a note book with paper), your time (the time that you've set aside to pray together by phone and to meet in person), and your word that those we are praying for remain confidential.

QUILTING MINISTRY (Jan Nichols): We continue to meet on the third Sunday of each month in the FLR. Attendance has fallen off but there continues to be three faithful quilters. Beautiful baby quilts are made and approximately five quilts were presented at baby dedications in 2015. In 2016, we plan to continue on as before. New quilters are always welcome!

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY (Richard Anger): The primary purpose of the small groups (L.I.F.E.) is to connect with each other as Christ desired us to be connected. Sacramento Central is a church of around 1400 members. How many do you truly know and call friend? Through the L.I.F.E. Group ministry you get to know each other on a personal level and become truly brothers and sisters in Christ. We consist of a small group of no more than fifteen church members and friends who meet in a private setting (home) in the greater Sacramento area where we experience LEARNING from the bible, INSPIRATION through prayer, FELLOWSHIP with one another and EVANGELISM to friends and neighbors and their community. Most groups meet weekly for 1 to 1-1/2 hours. If you are interested in starting a group yourself please contact either myself or Robert Aguilar. I can be reached at richardanger@peoplepc.com or (916) 747-3990.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY (Bill Stroud): The transportation ministry consists of Aaron Grush who picks up between 1 and 7 people each week in the church van, Deborah Cunningham picks up to 4 people with her own car and I pick up one or 2 people weekly in my car. I believe there are others who also bring someone on their own. Aaron may need to step down soon due to personal reasons. Deborah sometimes attends other churches and is not always available to help. My wife and I are also not available every week. I'd like to propose a new practice where we display a list of people who need rides, the general area they live in and their phone numbers, perhaps on a flyer each week, and ask willing members of the congregation to contact someone in their area. That way everyone can be involved and the work is not done by the same few people each week.

USHER MINISTRY (Jim Beal): The first usher was Jesus – Adam and Eve were new to the garden and Jesus ushered them about and made them feel at home. New people attending Sacramento Central Church are greeted by the greeters and then given information from the Hostess Desk. The ushers are next. Some of our visitors are hurting, some thinking of suicide and some are praying for a church where they can feel the love of Jesus. Let us be there for them!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY (Jan Nichols): As in the past, Women's Ministry had an annual Prayer Breakfast and a fall Salad Supper each with a guest speaker, and a holiday luncheon at the Spaghetti Factory on J St. in place of our December meeting--all events with yummy food. We also provided funds for two women to attend the NCC Women's Retreat at Leoni Meadows. In 2016, plans are being made for annual events and hopefully, a spring tea and a trip to Elmshaven.

YOUTH MINISTRY (Pastor Michael Butler): Many of our objectives for 2015 were met with success. We went camping at the Grand Canyon, had a regular vespers program, Youth Sabbath service, teen day camp, outreach week, week of prayer, etc. We are planning all of these activities for 2016 and a youth mission trip. We plan to go on a "mini" mission trip to Golden Gate Academy to help Maranatha spruce up the campus for its students. We also hope to add more service opportunities for young people to express the love of God to the community. We are planning monthly homeless ministries and music ministries to shut-ins, hospital patients and retirement homes. There is more to come from our Youth in 2016!

YOUNG ADULT/COLLEGIATE MINISTRY (Pastor Michael Butler): Taija Hall, our interim Young Adult Leader, is creating a solid group of young adults to make plans for the year(s) ahead. We are currently trying to develop a stronger presence at CSUS. There is a plan for a creationist/evolution symposium on the CSUS campus and hope to involve other students from other schools to attend. We are planning a bible study ministry to a juvenile facility each month, a homeless ministry combined with the youth, and outreach plans for the Sacramento area. We are all very excited for 2016!